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The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2003, at 2 p.m.

Senate

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2003

(Legislative day of Monday, July 21, 2003)

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 6

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, we have three short unanimous consent requests. Senator BAUCUS will be taking the floor shortly.

I ask unanimous consent that following Senator BAUCUS's statement and Senator DODD's statement on free trade, the Senate then proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 85, H.R. 6, the House-passed Energy bill, provided that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of the Senate amendment to H.R. 4 from the 107th Congress as passed by the Senate be inserted in lieu thereof; the bill then be read a third time and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of the bill with no intervening action or debate; further, that following that vote, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees with the ratio of 7 to 6.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Ms. CANTWELL. Reserving the right to object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Ms. CANTWELL. Reserving the right to object, I know the leadership on both sides of the aisle would like to proceed on last year's Senate Energy bill. This Senator believes we have just begun to have debate on two important issues that have emerged since that legislation was passed by this body.

The first issue is we now know for a fact, proven by the Federal Regulatory

Commission, by the Department of Justice, and by Enron's own memos, that market manipulation has occurred. The 2002 Energy bill does not address that issue.

This body will need to come back and address that issue. I am happy to address it in another forum, but I am hearing a commitment from leadership on both sides that we will come back and address this issue.

The second issue: The Federal Regulatory Commission, since the passage of the 2002 act, issued a rule calling for the implementation of mandatory regional transmission organizations and standard market design. For my colleagues who do not understand what that means, it means a national grid where your region's cheap, affordable electricity at cost-based rates might be displaced by the highest bidder of an energy company that wants to sell its more expensive energy in your State.

The 2002 bill does not address that. We need to address the fact that we do not want FERC to proceed on an order mandating regional transmission organizations with standard market design. That is what some of my amendments dealt with; that is what some of the underlying bill dealt with. That is not in the 2002 version.

I will not object at this time based on agreement that I have heard from my leadership and the majority leadership that we will have an opportunity to address both of those issues in the future.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2739 AND H.R. 2738

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that immediately following the vote on the passage of the Energy bill, all debate time be yielded back and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of H.R. 2739, the Singapore bill, to be followed by a vote on passage of H.R. 2738, the Chile free-trade legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 139

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time determined by the majority leader, following consultation with the Democratic leader, the Environment and Public Works Committee be discharged from consideration of S. 139, the Climate Stewardship Act of 2002, and the Senate then proceed to its consideration; that the measure be considered on the following limitations:

That there be a total of 6 hours of debate on the bill and substitute amendment, with the time equally divided and controlled between the proponents and opponents; that the only amendment in order be a McCain-Lieberman substitute amendment, as specified in the debate time limitation; that upon the use or yielding back of all time, the Senate proceed to a vote on adoption of the amendment; that upon disposition of the amendment, the bill, as amended, if amended, be read the third time,

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